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Amendments Relating to Sale of Vegetable Oil and Fat Invite Comments

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Report Highlights:

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India published a notification to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011, and invited comments from the WTO member countries. The amendments relate to the removal of 'Boudouin test' requirement for blended edible vegetable oil and revision of provisions on the sale of Vanaspati oil. The comment period for trading partners expires 60 days from the date it is notified on WTO website (www.wto.org).

General Information:

DISCLAIMER: The information contained in this report was retrieved from the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India's (FSSAI) website http://www.fssai.gov.in/. The Office of Agricultural Affairs and/or the U.S. Government make no claim of accuracy or authenticity.

On July 13, 2017, FSSAI published amendments to the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011 and invited comments from the WTO member countries. The comment period for the trading partners expires 60 days from the date it is notified on WTO website (www.wto.org). The amendments listed in the FSSAI notification are pasted below.

File No. Stds/O&F/Notification (8)/FSSAI-2017. In the Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restrictions on Sales) Regulations, 2011,

- (a) in regulation 2.1, in sub-regulation 2.1.1, the third provision starting with the words "provided further that in respect of" and ending with the words "for 5 minutes" and the fourth paragraph starting with the words "provided further that in respect of " and ending with the words "for 2.5 hours" shall be omitted.
- (b) in regulation 2.3, in sub-regulation 2.3.15, for the clause (3), the following shall be substituted, namely-

"(3)Vanaspati, Interesterified vegetable oil/fat, Bakery shortening, Bakery and Industrial Margarine, Table Margarine and Fat spreads shall be prepared from any of the edible vegetable oils whose standards are prescribed under sub regulation 2.2 of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 or any other edible vegetable oil with prior approval of the Food Authority."

Comments, within 60 days from the date of notification in WTO website, should be sent to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
3rd Floor, Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, Kotla Road
New Delhi – 110002

Email: regulation@fssai.gov.in

Details of Notification:

- Date of Publication on FSSAI website: July 13, 2017
- Final date for comments from WTO members: 60 days from the date notified on WTO website

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.